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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER  
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
 SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

THE WASHINGTON-STAR NEWS.  
 WALTER TAYLOR WRITES THAT CIA DIRECTOR COLBY REVEALED TODAY  
 THAT THE CIA MAINTAINS A WIDE VARIETY OF FILES CONTAINING IN-  
 FORMATION ABOUT U.S. CITIZENS AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE COL-  
 LECTION OF SOME OF THE MATERIAL "MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO-  
 DAY."

JEREMIAH O'LEARY REPORTS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN FOR A  
 NEW TREATY WITH PANAMA THAT WOULD CONCEDE SOVEREIGNTY OVER  
 THE CANAL ZONE AND GRANT OTHER MAJOR CONCESSIONS TO THE ISTHMI-  
 AN REPUBLIC HAS SUFFERED A SEVERE AND POSSIBLY FATAL SETBACK  
 IN THE SENATE. THE ROADBLOCK AROSE WHEN SENATORS THURMOND AND  
 MCCLELLAN SUBMITTED A RESOLUTION TO THE SENATE ACCOMPANIED BY  
 THE SIGNATURES OF 37 COSPONSORS CALLING ON THE FEDERAL GOVERN-  
 MENT NOT TO TRANSFER ANY OF ITS RIGHTS OVER THE WATERWAY AND  
 THE CANAL ZONE TO PANAMA.

LEE COHN REPORTS THAT THE FORD ADMINISTRATION, HAVING BEEN  
 STUNG BY THE BACKLASH AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT TACTICS, IS ESTAB-  
 LISHING A NEW AGENCY TO MONITOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE U.S.;  
 BUT THE MOVES TO TIGHTEN SURVEILLANCE PROBABLY ARE TOO MILD  
 TO HEAD OFF RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION.

TOM DOWLING WRITES THAT IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY THEY HAVE A  
 SPECIAL FILE FOR ITS ACCIDENT PRONE. SUCH A MAN IS NATHANIEL  
 DAVIS, CURRENTLY UP FOR CONFIRMATION AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF  
 STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS. NO SOONER HAD THE WORD OF DAVIS'  
 IMPENDING STEWARDSHIP OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S AFRICA SECTION  
 BEEN FLASHED TO THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN ADDIS

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ABABA THAN THAT NOTORIOUSLY FRACTIOUS BODY UNANIMOUSLY BEGGED FOR MERCY, LIKE A CONVENTION OF INSURANCE AGENTS BEING ASKED TO UNDERWRITE A POLICY FOR TYPHOID MARY.

A STAR EDITORIAL "VOYAGE TO VIETNAM" SAYS THAT TRAVEL, AS WE ALL KNOW, IS A BROADENING EXPERIENCE. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT SO MANY CONGRESSMEN AMONG THOSE INVITED FOUND IT INCONVENIENT TO FIT A BRIEF JUNKET TO VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA INTO THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES. THOSE WHO DID MANAGE TO GO APPARENTLY LEARNED SOMETHING, EVEN IF THEY DIDN'T CHANGE THEIR MINDS ABOUT THE MAJOR ISSUES. MOST OF THEM, IT SEEMS, CAME HOME WITH THE THOUGHT THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, THE CONSENSUS OF THE GROUP IS THAT YOU SHOULD TAKE TIME OFF FROM YOUR MIDDLE EAST PEACE-KEEPING EFFORTS TO TRY ONCE AGAIN TO BRING ABOUT A GENUINE NEGOTIATED PEACE IN BOTH OF THE SORELY BELEAGUERED COUNTRIES. THE STAR HEARTILY CONCURS. WHETHER SUCH AN EFFORT WOULD SUCCEED IS DOUBTFUL PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF CAMBODIA, WHERE TIME, QUITE APPARENTLY, IS RUNNING SHORT. BUT IF IT DOES NOTHING ELSE, A NEW AMERICAN PEACE INITIATIVE IN INDOCHINA SHOULD AT LEAST SUCCEED IN MAKING IT CLEAR TO AN EXTRAORDINARILY MYOPIC GROUP OF POLITICIANS IN THIS COUNTRY JUST WHO IS REALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SABOTAGE OF THE PARIS ACCORDS AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE WAR.

CARL T. ROWAN WRITES THAT THIS TOWN USED TO BUZZ WITH THE QUESTION "WHAT'S WRONG WITH WILBUR MILLS." BUT THE NUMBER ONE QUESTION NOWADAYS IS "WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HENRY KISSINGER." THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WHO USED TO BE LABELED "SUPERMAN," HAS RECENTLY BEEN SHOWING AN AWFUL LOT OF THE IRRITATION AND POOR JUDGMENT WE ATTRIBUTE TO MERE MORTALS. DESPITE WHITE HOUSE ASSURANCES THAT YOU WON'T RESIGN AND FORD WON'T REPLACE YOU, THE ODDS INCREASE EVERYDAY THAT YOU WILL RESIGN WELL BEFORE THE 1976 POLITICKING BEGINS. AND PROBABLY IN A BITTER FOG OF PIQUE IN WHICH YOU CLAIM THAT THE CONGRESS, THE PRESS, OR SOMEONE HAS RENDERED YOU "UNUSEFUL." AS YOUR FRUSTRATIONS GROW, YOU SEEM MORE INCLINED TO MAKE OUTBURSTS THAT ARE NOT ALWAYS EITHER DIPLOMATIC OR RATIONAL. ONE BEGINS TO SUSPECT THAT OUR PERIPATETIC SECRETARY OF STATE IS REALLY GETTING A LITTLE WEARY OF HIS JOB NOW THAT THINGS DON'T GO SO WELL.

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR. BELIEVES THAT ONE OF THE FEW THINGS IN THE WORLD ABOUT WHICH THERE IS REASON CONTINUOUSLY TO REJOICE IS DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN. SURE, HE SUFFERS FROM A FEW BIRTHMARKS OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT, FASCINATED BY THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN SHAPING HUMAN HAPPINESS. BUT THESE FADE ALONGSIDE HIS RUBICUND COMPLEXION, WHICH IS A REGULARLY INFLAMED BLUSH OF INDIGNATION AND RAGE OVER THE FAILURE OF THE FREE WORLD, AND OF AMERICA IN PARTICULAR, TO TELL THE SIMPLE TRUTH WHERE LIBERTY IS CONCERNED. MOYNIHAN QUITE GENUINELY FEARS THAT THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY IS VERY NEARLY EXTINCT ALL OVER THE WORLD. HE IS MOST AWESOMELY, MOST GRAVELY CORRECT. HOW DOES ONE DISCOVER A SOCIETY IS SLIPPING INTO A DARK AGE? ONE WAY IS BY CONSULT-

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ING SUCH AS MOYNIHAN.

SMITH HEMPSTONE WRITES THAT AT A TIME WHEN NATO IS IN DISARRAY AND PACIFISM AS PREVALENT AS BUNKUM ON CAPITOL HILL, THE SOVIET UNION IS QUIETLY BUILDING UP AND REEQUIPPING ITS FORCES TO AN AWESOME LEVEL. IN THE PAST, A CERTAIN NUMERICAL IMBALANCE WAS DEEMED ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE WESTERN TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORITY TO A CERTAIN EXTENT OFFSET THE MANPOWER DISPARITIES. NO MORE. MEANWHILE, WITH A STRONG ASSIST FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS, NATO CONTINUES TO UNRAVEL. WHAT NATO REALLY AMOUNTS TO IS A BILATERAL ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND WEST GERMANY, WITH THE REST OF THE ONCE-PROUD ALLIES EITHER DOUBTFUL MEMBERS OR MILITARILY INSIGNIFICANT. THE QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE SOVIET BUILD-UP, THE ABSENCE OF ANY ACCOMPANYING HOORLA, AND THE CANCER OF WILL WITHIN THIS COUNTRY AND THE OTHER NATO NATIONS REPRESENT AN OMINOUS CONVERGENCE OF FACTORS. IT COULD BE, AS OTHERS HAVE SUGGESTED, THAT WE HAVE MOVED OUT OF THE POST-WAR ERA AND INTO A PRE-WAR STAGE. ALTHOUGH, IF EVENTS CONTINUE ALONG THEIR PRESENT COURSE, THE KREMLIN WILL HAVE NO NEED OF WAR TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES.

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